

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 15-26, and 31-34 are currently pending in the present patent application. Through the above supplemental amendments, claims 16, 21, 24, and 31 have been amended to more clearly recite the insulating regions having a relatively low dielectric constant are formed between adjacent floating gate regions of memory cells in the same row. These amendments do not narrow the scopes of any of these claims. Please enter these amendments before proceeding with examination of the present application in response to the RCE filed in this application on 14 August 2006.

The present patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to resolve the matter. If any need for any fee in addition to that paid with this response is found, for any reason or at any point during the prosecution of this application, kindly consider this a petition therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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